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Dear Harold:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your two letters, dated August 1, 1984 and September 7, 1984, and the enclosed xerox copies of FBI documents you had generously photocopied for me. I have not had the chance to review the documents, having received simultaneously a batch of FBI documents pursuant to one of my FOIA requests. I am now focusing on reviewing the documents released to me by the FBI so that I can challenge within the specified time limits some of the massive deletions that they made. I have found, given how capricious some of these deletions are, that I can win minor victories. And, I do want to create a record outlining the basis for my challenge--a record which will have no bearing on any future litigation but which might prove of interest to congressional oversight committees.

Because I have not read the documents you sent on to me, I cannot express fully my appreciation for your willingness not only to select the documents but to provide the detailed background report. I am confident that I shall find that summary description extremely helpful, and thus (if sight unseen) I have no hesitation to express my gratitude for this yeoman effort.

Let me remind you to send me an itemized bill for xerox charges and mailing costs. I shall remit this bill, providing a record of the expenditure, to the University for processing a check against the funds I have to defray processing charges for FBI files. The University is pretty efficient, and I can promise that you will receive a check within 10 days after I receive your bill.

Let me conclude by thanking you again. Work on the biography continues and I have every intention of meeting the fall 1985 submission deadline.

As ever,

Athan Theoharis